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“This office belongs to the citizens of the 35th district.”

State Senator Michelle A. McManus

Senate committee approves new “no trespassing” markers

Landowners would have another way to post their property “no trespassing” under legislation approved this week by the Senate Natural Resources and Environmental Affairs Committee. Senate Bill 499, which I sponsored, would allow a landowner to designate their property “no trespassing” either by posting conventional signs or by placing identifying purple paint marks on trees or posts around the perimeter of their property. Using paint marks solves two potential problems for landowners who do not want trespassers on their property. It creates a more permanent mark that cannot be easily stolen, and it is less intrusive on the landscape than many large neon-lettered ‘no trespassing’ signs. Landowners would have to adhere to specific guidelines regarding the size and placement of the paint marks. Purple paint was chosen because it would not conflict with other paint colors used in the timber industry. The bill now goes before the full Senate.

May is Bike Month in Michigan

The Senate last week approved a resolution commemorating May 2006 as Bike Month in Michigan. The resolution recognizes bicycling as a viable and environmentally sound form of transportation, an outstanding form of recreation and a superb way to see some of Michigan’s most famous attractions. The Senate also recently approved my bill, Senate Bill 1224, to make Michigan roadways more bicycle friendly by clarifying the rules and regulations cyclists must observe when riding on Michigan roads. The bill is now awaiting consideration in the House Transportation Committee.

Legislation restricting funeral demonstrations sent to governor

Legislation allowing a permit to be required to demonstrate outside a funeral home, cemetery, mosque or synagogue where a funeral or memorial service is taking place awaits the governor’s signature. Senate Bill 1199 allows local units of government to require protestors to apply for and be issued a permit in order to demonstrate outside a funeral. A permit would not have to be issued if the service is on private property and one may be issued if the service is on public property. Additionally, the local government may charge a fee for the application and issuance of a permit.

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